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Agency Change Bill Introduced

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WASHINGTON — A bill that would require any federal civilian agency that plans to move or close an installation to notify certain legislators, and be prepared to explain its reasons, was introduced Friday by Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, of San Antonio.

An aide to Gonzalez said an example of the action to which the congressman's bill referred was the Federal Aviation Agency's transfer of an air traffic control center from San Antonio.

The bill would provide that any agency except the Defense Department, Coast Guard or Central Intelligence Agency, that plans to move or close an installation must notify the members of Congress and Senators concerned. If these legislators decide the change would cause a hardship on the people in the vicinity of the installation, they could require a public hearing dealing with reasons for the change.

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